

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	4.9
Hours flown	17.9
Monthly offset	13.0
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	78.0
Hours flown	62.9
Monthly offset	-15.1
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	114.8
Sorties flown	137.6
Monthly offset	22.8
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	81.0
Sorties flown	125.0
Monthly offset	44.0
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	43.3
Hours flown	31.0
Monthly offset	12.3

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 5

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers  
SE-NW winds @ 10-20 knots  
High: 72 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Mostly to partly cloudy  
NE-E winds @ 10-20 knots  
High: 73 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy  
SE-S winds @ 10-20 knots  
High: 77 Low: 66

THURSDAYMORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES  
BUYING: \$1=¥114 SELLING: ¥120=\$1

# Kadena's 'Big Dawgs' best in AF

By 2nd Lt. Kelly Smith  
18th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron

Kadena's 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron was recently recognized as the top unit of its kind in the Air Force.

The logistics Airmen -- which affectionately call themselves the Big Dawgs -- won the 2005 Air Force Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Readiness Squadron of the Year Trophy.

"The Big Dawgs, both forward deployed and in garrison, from military to civilian and even family members, are setting the bar of excellence across the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Eric Axelbank, 18th LRS commander.

"Every Big Dawg had a role in achieving this awesome victory," said Colonel Axelbank. "I'm proud to serve alongside my teammates who comprise the number one LRS in the Air Force."

In the last year, the logis-  
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File photo

Supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom last year, Staff Sgt. Daniel Upshaw, deployed from Kadena's 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepares a .50-caliber machine gun prior to convoy duty at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Kadena's LRS unit is the largest provider of convoy protectors in Iraq. Big Dawgs deployed to Iraq have earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Stars for their display of courage under fire while patrolling Iraqi badlands.

## Shoguns build Malaysian, U.S. ties

By Johnathan Monroe  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen with the 18th Wing and units of the Royal Malaysian Air Force exceeded expectations recently during three weeks of mock air-to-air combat, according to the commander of the U.S. Air Force's Pacific warfighting headquarters.

Exercise Cope Taufan 2006, which began March 10 and ended March 31, increased operational readiness and mutual trust and understanding between allies in a realistic training environment, according to Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula, commander of the General George C. Kenney Warfighting Headquarters at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

It also made a positive impact in maintaining safety and stability throughout the Pacific region. "One of our primary missions in the spectrum of our bilateral exercises by the Kenny Headquarters is



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First Lt. John DeLion, (right) F-15C pilot with Kadena's 67th Fighter Squadron greets a Royal Malaysian Air Force pilot during Cope Taufan 2006 opening ceremonies in Malaysia. Cope Taufan ended March 31. The three-week, bilateral exercise on Malaysia's coast is designed to sharpen allied air combat skills.

to improve interoperability with our allies," said General Deptula. "That is, to create an integrated team that can operate and be ready to fight

together if the need ever arises. This is the stated goal of Cope Taufan, which we most certainly exceeded during the

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## Kadena stands up Wednesday to hear Lee Greenwood sing

By Johnathan Monroe  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Lee Greenwood, the man best known for writing and performing "God Bless the U.S.A.," will entertain troops and their families Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Kadena AWACS Hangar, Building 3660.

The event will also feature performances by Restless Heart, The New England Patriot Cheerleaders, funny man Dick Hardwick, Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Pacific Air Forces Band.

Buses will depart every 30 minutes starting at 5:15 p.m. from Building 444 (bus stop), the Rocker NCO Club and the Four Diamonds Softball Complex.

Coolers or lawn chairs

are prohibited on the buses, and no coolers are allowed in the venue.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Those who choose to drive must use the AMC side of Perimeter Road, but parking will be limited.

No camcorders or audio recording devices will be allowed during the concert.

Lee Greenwood will sing his legendary song, "God Bless the U.S.A.," while Restless Heart will perform some of its chart-topping hits, such as "Bluest Eyes in Texas," "When She Cries" and "Feel My Way To You."

There will be an autograph session with all of the performers at 10:30 p.m. at the Kadena NCO Club following the show.

KADENA HONORS PITSENBARGER TUESDAY AT 8 A.M., SEE PAGE 3





# 101 Days of Summer starts early

By Lt. Col. Alan Barrys  
18th Wing Safety Chief

For us enjoying life in the sub-tropics, the 101 Critical Days of Summer have begun.

Yes, technically they begin on Memorial Day and last through Labor Day, but who wants to stake their life on a technicality?

Truth is, those 101 days last longer for us, beginning sometime around...now, and ending around Halloween. Spring break is the spring board for a jump in off-duty accidents on Okinawa. Increased outdoor activities—especially water activities here on-island—and the “on the road again” vacation driving experience here or elsewhere brings potential life-threatening dangers.

So it's time to put extra

emphasis on the personal well-being of ourselves, as well as our families. It's time to make safety awareness a super-critical part of our everyday lives—off and on the job.

Unfortunately, this is the time when most of us tend to put safety considerations on the back burner, and by doing so, make ourselves more vulnerable to accidents and mishaps.

Give me just another minute of your reading time, and I'll give you some tips to help make this critical time of the year safer for you and your family.

1. If you plan on taking a vacation, always allow yourself plenty of time to “Arrive Alive.” Remember, fatigue is a major cause of driving accidents. Get enough rest

before you leave and don't start a long distance drive after you've just completed a full duty day. Plan your trip in advance and factor in rest stops so you don't put yourself into a high-risk situation...it's your vacation.

2. One way to avoid injury is to constantly assess your activities and take steps to ensure your work and play environments are free of obvious hazards. Stretch out, warm up, and get your heart rate up before beginning any sporting activity. Don't become another accident statistic; know your limitations.

3. Remember, summer events and social gatherings often lead to alcohol use which affects your behavior and judgment, and those of others. Have a plan before you drink any alcoholic bev-

erages and be responsible. Alcohol does not mix with any motorized equipment.

4. Supervisors: Take the time to stress safety practices to your workers. Ensure each member is aware of the increased risks associated with the “101 Critical Days of Summer.” Special attention should be given to the younger or newer members who may not have the experience to deal with some situations.

No matter what you plan to do over spring break or into the summer, the 18th Wing Safety Office encourages you to prepare in advance for this high-risk season.

Don't let inattention, speeding, alcohol, fatigue, or failure to use seatbelts ruin your summer or your life.

## Preventing free-ride bankruptcy

I often go to the Banyan Tree Club Friday and Saturday nights. I usually catch a taxi there and receive a voucher to get back home. Before this weekend, all I had to do was show my military I.D. and tell them my address.

On March 4, there was a sign that said that I have to show my vehicle registration in order to get a taxi voucher.

Why is this the new policy?

To me this is saying if I drove to the club, had a few drinks, and need to catch a taxi home, I have to walk to my car and get my registration. That's not smart because most people will say “I'm here at my car...I'll just drive.”

Yes, that's irresponsible but when you're intoxicated, you are not able to make good judgment calls.

What if I don't have a car? How am I going to show vehicle registration then? What if I got a ride with someone else? Am I supposed to carry my registration with me to the club?

Not too many want to leave their car at the club anyway. Most people go to the club knowing that if they get too intoxicated, they have a way home that's free. At least when it was free, people were actually using the taxis.

Yes, I could've called AADD but what about the other 100 people that needed a ride home? Is this policy enforced at all other facilities that give out vouchers? I feel that this new policy is just going to increase the amount of DUI's.

Thank you for your inquiry.

The taxi voucher program has been highly successful in the past and I'm sure it has saved careers and possibly lives.

The intent of the program has always been to

provide transportation home for someone who drove to one of our facilities, consumed alcohol, and found themselves in no condition to drive home.

We wanted to ensure people make the right choice about getting into a car after drinking. The program was never intended to be a free taxi on Friday night.

Unfortunately, the program is being abused. In fact, our Airman Against Drunk Driving program is also being abused. We have some people asking for a voucher or calling AADD when they don't own a vehicle, didn't drive to the facility, or just want a free ride to another place besides home.

The cost of our taxi program has increased dramatically over the past two years, and on its current track it will exceed \$237,000—that's money we do not get to put into other services for our airmen.

Our goal is not to save money, but to use it in the right way. To maintain this valuable program and ensure future funding, we must do a better job of making sure we use it for the intended purpose. The checking of registration was intended to find a way to prevent the “free ride” crowd from bankrupting our program. I'd be interested in your suggestions on how we can aim this program at the right audience.

I encourage everyone to have a transportation plan prior to going out for entertainment. Using a designated driver, taking a taxi, or walking are all good options. If you drive somewhere, have alcoholic beverages, and then need a ride home, please call AADD or ask for a taxi voucher if you're at an 18th Services Squadron facility.

As a reminder, we all need to focus on the intent of ZZ13 which provides the foundation for responsible choices when drinking.



Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton  
18th Wing commander

## ACTION LINE

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

**Don't drink & drive**  
It has been...  
**19 days**  
Since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.  
60 days = 18th Wing Down Day



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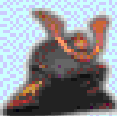
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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Editor's note : Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



A1C Kendra Rashea Zabel  
Unit: 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Hometown: Coeur d'alene, Idaho  
Reason for nomination: As a member of the largest logistics readiness squadron in the Air Force, Airman Zabel assisted in the transportation of more than 300 passengers during a recent deployment in support of Foal Eagle '06. Her efforts resulted in zero delays.  
Time at Kadena: 1 year and 10 months



Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Lueders  
Unit: 18th Air Evacuation Squadron  
Hometown: Buena Park, Calif.  
Reason for nomination: As charge medical technician, he led the lifesaving move of a 7-year-old on a mobile heart-lung machine. He also directed aircraft configuration for \$84,000 in air evacuation equipment to receive the patient with a 14-member medical team for a five-hour mission to a Los Angeles children's hospital.  
Time at Kadena: 1 year and 3 months

## This week in 18th Wing History

• In 1972 the Air Force reduced the number of tail codes to two-letters for each wing regardless of their squadron. However, “KA” was being used by the 457th Tactical Airlift Wing at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. As a result, in 1975 the wing requested and received approval to use “ZZ” as a unique mark of distinction.



## STEPping up



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards, Jr. Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Wells of the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Master Sgt. Terence K. Jackson of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Michael P. Shortsleeves of the 18th Communications Squadron sport new stripes after receiving an instant promotion by Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton, 18th Wing commander, on March 31. The three were promoted under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know - 21 to 34-year-old drivers are responsible for nearly 60 percent of all alcohol-related vehicle crashes?

**WING CEREMONY:** Team Kadena will rededicate the base's Medal of Honor monument and pay tribute to Airman 1st Class William Pitsenbarger, a Vietnam War-era Medal of Honor recipient, Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the base flag poles outside of Bldg. 10. Shuttle service to the event is available from the Rocker NCO Club at 7 and 7:30 a.m. and from Chapel 1 at 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. A shuttle service will be provided after the event. Kadena chapters of the Air Force Sergeant's Association and the Airlift Tanker Association are coordinating the event that coincides with the 40th anniversary of the day the Airman died while defending wounded soldiers. Airman Pitsenbarger was originally awarded the Air Force Cross posthumously in 1966. In 2001, the medal was upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

**ENERGYCONSERVATIONTIP:** Set your thermostat at 76 degrees Fahrenheit to 80 degrees Fahrenheit for recommended comfort and energy efficiency.

**THRIFT SHOP:** Donations for the Airman's Attic or the Thrift Shop are no longer being accepted at the drop off point behind Kadena's Thrift Shop.

**TEXAS VOTERS:** A federal runoff election in Texas will be held Tuesday. Airman and their families who have not received requested absentee ballots may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote, but the ballot must be mailed by Tuesday. The form may be available at [www.fvap.gov/pubs/ofwab.pdf](http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/ofwab.pdf).

**CATHOLICEASTERSERVICES:** Station of the Cross-related services begin tonight at 6 p.m. at Chapel Three. Palm Sunday-related services begin Saturday at 5 p.m. at Chapel Two; Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Chapel 3; 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Chapel One. Holy Thursday-related services

begin Thursday at 6 p.m. at Chapel One and from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Chapel One. Good Friday-related services begin April 14 at noon at Chapel Two and 6 p.m. at Chapel One. Holy Saturday-related services begin April 15 from 7:30 p.m. at Chapel One. Easter Sunday-related services begin April 16 at 8:30 a.m. at Chapel Three, 12:30 and 5 p.m. at Chapel One.

**AIR FORCE ASSESSMENT:** Kadena leaders are asking Airmen and their families who are notified of selection to participate in an Air Force-wide assessment beginning Monday to respond to the survey. Officials say the survey is a chance to identify the good and the bad about the Kadena community. Call Maj. Jullian McLeod at 634-2499 or Capt. Jonathan Hurt at 634-4821.

**PROTESTANTEASTER SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday-related services begin Thursday at 7 p.m. at Chapel Two. Good Friday-related services begin April 14 at 7 p.m. at Chapel Three. A combined Protestant children's Easter program will be held April 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Chapel Three. A Sunrise Service will be held April 15 at 6:06 a.m. at Tengan Castle. For directions call 634-1288. All regular Protestant worship services will be held at their normal times and places. However, there will be no 8:45 or 10:45 a.m. Sunday school on April 16.

**HONORGUARD BREAKFAST:** An Honor Guard Recognition Breakfast

## Spouses become maintainers



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Michael Russell (left) of the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron watches as Sarah Heusinger, wife of Tech. Sgt. Brian Heusinger, 718th AMXS, changes a tire on a KC-135 tanker. Jennifer Gomez, wife of 1st Lt. Christoval Gomez, Jr. of the 718th AMXS watches the procedure. Twenty spouses were hosted by the 718th AMXS for a Squadron Spouses' Day recently to provide a hands-on opportunity to see daily aircraft maintenance operations.

will be held at 7:30 a.m. April 14 at the Rocker NCO Club. Dress is uniform of the day. For more information contact a unit first sergeant.

**CHANGEOFCOMMAND:** Navy Cmdr. George J. Vassilakis relieved Cmdr. Frederick J. Nielsen III Thursday as commander of Patrol Squadron One.

**FOREIGNSPOUSES:** The Family Support Center is accepting appointments for its April 21 immigration, green card and citizenship class. The class, which is held every third Friday of each month from 8 to 9:30 a.m., provides information, handouts and assistance with applications from immigration officials. Call 634-3366.

**NEW PET RULE:** Passengers with

confirmed in-cabin pet reservations may only use pet kennels with a maximum height of 8 inches on AMC Flights departing Kadena beginning May 1. For more information call 632-6487.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Kadena's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Committee is looking for volunteers to plan and support this year's observance month in May. Civilian employees and family members are encouraged to attend. Call Master Sgt. Ignacio Dondoyano at 634-4739 or Master Sgt. Marivic Patton at 634-4240.

**DRAGONBOATVOLUNTEERS:** Men and women are needed for this year's Naha Dragon Boat Race scheduled for May 5. Call 634-0562.

## The Okinawa Perspective

*The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.*

- A total of \$10 billion is likely to be the cost to relocate Marine bases on Okinawa to Guam. The United States wants Japan to cover 75 percent of the cost. The Japanese government, however, is proposing to pay 30 percent. Both governments held senior working-level talks this week in Washington to hammer out the last details of the agreement.

- The Kadena Town Assembly unanimously adopted a protest resolution regarding a flare that separated from a Kadena AB-assigned F-15 March 30. Following the incident, Kadena AB officials stated, "The incident occurred over base and at no time was there any danger to local communities." However, several witnesses say the

flare was shot over local residential areas of Okinawa City.

- A Ginowan City official handed a protest letter to Col H. Stacy Clardy, Assistant Chief of Staff, Marine Corps G-5, at Camp Butler Tuesday in response to an emergency landing by a CH-46 with three other Marine helicopters at Oita Airport in southern mainland Japan the day before. The landings delayed commercial aircraft traffic for 21 minutes.

Mayor Yoichi Iha of Ginowan City said, "The CH-46 and other aircraft assigned to MCAS Futenma have caused incidents in the past. It is very clear that they are too dangerous to be flying over residential areas."

- The Japanese Foreign Minister said Sunday that the withdrawal of Japan's

ground troops from Iraq may be postponed until the fall or later due to a delay in the establishment of a new Iraqi government.

- On March 31 the first US-Japan table-top joint exercise for crisis management was held at Kadena AB. The exercise allowed both Japanese and U.S. officials to review and define lines of communications, roles and responsibilities in response to potential off-base military aircraft accidents.

- The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said March 31 that February's nation-wide unemployment rate dropped to 4.1 percent, a decrease of 0.4 percent over last month. The Okinawa Prefecture announced that February's unemployment rate in Okinawa increased 0.3 percent to 7.5 percent.

Simulated M-9 tape should be placed on your chemical suit at the following six locations:





## Road trip



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

Maj. Richard Jones II (left), briefs soldiers from the Afghan National Army's Central Management Agency in Kabul, Afghanistan, on the route they will take for their first long-haul convoy mission March 12. Major Jones is the senior mentor assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group's CMA embedded training team. Major Jones is normally assigned as the operations officer for the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

## DAWGS: 4 loggies win AF awards

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unit has won a total of six Air Force, 23 Pacific Air Forces awards and 46 wing-level awards. According to the nomination package for the award, the 18th LRS has some 830 combat warriors, 110 assigned facilities, some \$1.2 billion in equipment, 2,253 vehicles and is unequivocally the



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Air Force's largest unit of its type.

In the last year, the unit has supported 66 deployments, 3,400 passengers, pumped more than 68 million gallons of fuel, driven more than 352,000 miles and supported more than 31,000 customers through its traffic management



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office. Four members of the unit also received individual Air Force-level honors.

Maj. Dave Dutcher received the Col. Cynthia Benulis Field Grade Officer of the Year award and Master Sgt. Tobias Latham was selected as the Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Speight Supply

Senior NCO of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Joel Brown was selected as the Air Force fuels NCO of the year.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Snyder was named the Air Force transportation NCO of the year. The awards will be presented during an awards ceremony Thursday at the Pentagon.



SNYDER

## KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

Tech. Sgt. Mary P. Williams was recently selected as the Pacific Air Forces Services NCO of the Year.

Osamu Kiyuna was selected as the PACAF Services Civilian Specialist of the Year.

Lazara "April" Marling was selected as the PACAF Services Civilian Manager of the Year.

Kathy M. Hartwell was selected as the PACAF Services Civilian Flight Chief of the Year.

Robert G. Curione received the PACAF Judge Advocate General Outstanding Civilian Attorney Award.

Captain Matthew J. French of the 67th Fighter Squadron was nominated for the PACAF Anthony C. Shine Award.

The 18th Maintenance Group was selected as the 2005 PACAF MTF of the Year.

Ronin 22/Cowboy Crew from the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron was selected as the 2006 PACAF ABM Crew of the Year.

Kadena's 18th Wing Public Affairs received the PACAF Public Affairs Director's Excellence Award for Large Wing.

Patricia Miyagi was selected as the Outstanding Public Affairs Host Nation Employee in the 2005 PACAF Public Affairs Excellence Awards.

Capt. Timothy J. Stevens of the 67th Fighter Squadron was selected as the 2005 PACAF Outstanding Aircrew Life Support Officer of the Year.

The 18th Communication Squadron was selected as the 2005 PACAF C & I unit winner for Outstanding Information Assurance.

The 18th CS also received the Maj. Gen. William R. Yost Award for PACAF.

Senior Master Sgt. Marc Hill of 18th CS was selected as the 2005 PACAF C&I Information Management Senior NCO of the Year.

Airman 1st Class Jeremy McGuffin of 18th CS was selected as the 2005 PACAF Visual Information Airman of the Year.

Master Sgt. Robert Marquez of 18th CS was selected as the 2005 PACAF Spectrum Manager of the Year.

Master Sgt. LeRoy Lawson of 18th CS was selected as the 2005 PACAF Information Assurance winner.

Seiji Minei of Det. 3, PACAF Air Postal Squadron, was selected as the 2005 PACAF Civilian Assistant of the Year.

The 18th Wing Chaplaincy was selected as the 2005 PACAF Outstanding Large Chapel Organization.

Maj. Dina M. Andreotti of the 33rd Rescue Squadron was selected as the 2005 PACAF Operational Flight Surgeon Safety Award Winner.

Lt. Col. Joseph M. Yankovich, 18th Munitions Squadron commander, was selected as the 2005 PACAF Outstanding Munitions Missile Maintenance Person of the Year -- Field Grade Manager.

Capt. Chad L. Heyen of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron was selected as the 2005 PACAF Outstanding Munitions Missile Maintenance Person of the Year -- Company Grade Manager.

Steven M. Shirk of the 18th CS was selected as the 2005 PACAF Outstanding Communications Electronics Maintenance Person of the Year -- Civilian Manager.

Master Sgt. Barriett D. Thomas of the 67th Fighter Squadron was selected as the PACAF 2005 Outstanding Aviation Resource Management Senior NCO of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Ina A. Peebles of the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron was selected as the 2005 PACAF Outstanding Aviation NCO of the Year.



Air Force/Lt. Col. Stacey Bako

Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula, commander of Pacific Air Forces' Gen. George C. Kenney Warfighting Headquarters, reviews Malaysian air force troops during his visit to Malaysia as part of Cope Taufan 2006. The three-week, bilateral exercise increased operational readiness and mutual trust and understanding between allies in a realistic training environment.

## TAUFAN: Exercise hones air skills

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the last three weeks."

The biannual, air-to-air training exercise based out of the coastal city of Butterworth, Malaysia, is designed to sharpen air combat tactic skills.

Half a dozen U.S. F-15C Eagles and nearly 120 Airmen from Kadena's 18th Wing -- maintainers, munitions handlers and fighter pilots -- participated.

"Flying and training against the Malaysian MIG-29 was the chance of a lifetime," said 1st Lt. Jerod Rife, one of several 67th Fighter Squadron pilots who trained against the Russian-built aircraft during the exercise.

"The Royal Malaysian Air Force is one of few in the world to employ the MIG-29 Fulcrum as its premier fighter. Flying against their MIGs is a rare opportunity for us. I'll never forget this world-class training."

As a vital strategic partner in the global war on terror, Malaysia's sponsorship of Cope Taufan holds strategic importance for U.S. defense and foreign policy planners, in addition to the operational training benefits for U.S. Airmen, said General Deptula.

Malaysia's cooperation in the global war on terror extends to the support of regional efforts to root out and disrupt terror cells. Cope Tau-

fan also sets a new "benchmark" for air supremacy and bilateral cooperation in the Pacific, said Lt. Col. Jeff Gustafson, Kadena's 67th FS commander.

"Cope Taufan provided all participants, from pilots to maintainers and logisticians, the opportunity to practice and reinforce our abilities to deploy rapidly and work together in an environment that's both multi-national and joint," said Colonel Gustafson.

"The experiences, friendships and tactical training have shown our folks why our training day in and day out makes the U.S. Air Force the best air-to-air pilots in the world."



# SECAF testifies on future budget concerns

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Secretary of the Air Force explained the Air Force priorities that drive the fiscal 2007 budget request to members of the Senate Appropriations Committee subcommittee on defense March 29.

Secretary Michael W. Wynne told the committee there are three crucial areas of concern for the Air Force -- winning the war on terrorism, personnel challenges, and maintaining, modernizing and recapitalizing aircraft and equipment.

He focused on methods used to rein in the rising personnel costs the Air Force faces in the upcoming years.

One method, Total Force Integration, has exposed unnecessary redundancies that have and will be eliminated to capitalize on operational capabilities of the Guard and Reserve, he said.

"In addition to using our people more efficiently through Total Force Integration, we've instituted Air Force Smart Operations 21 -- smarter and leaner operations," Secretary Wynne said. "No process or organizational construct is immune to this Air Force-wide critical review."

The efficiencies of these methods and the lessons learned over the last 15 years permit an end-strength reduction of 40,000 full-time equivalents across the Future Years Defense Plan, he said.

"Using our manpower smarter is the key to retention and the key to force management," Secretary Wynne said. "Air Force Smart Operations 21 will also help with the second challenge -- operations and maintenance increases."

Soaring fuel costs and the maintenance cost for the aging aircraft fleet affect the operability due to

the declining military utility of these aircraft, he said. "We can harvest savings from cutting requirements for redundancies and excess capacities in our aircraft and missile fleets," Secretary Wynne said.

Currently there are legislative restrictions that prohibit the retirement of nearly 15 percent of the aging aircraft fleet.

Lifting these restrictions on retirements will ensure the Air Force technological edge for the future and eliminate exhaustive resources on aircraft that have declining military utility, he said.

"Our commitment is to increase the aggregate military utility across the total spectrum of operations for the Joint Force commander," Secretary Wynne said. "This means modernizing, capitalizing and recognizing efficiencies as we manage this total force."



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr.

Airmen and civilians working at the Air Force Personnel Center's contact center applaud the operational beginning of the new Personnel Service Delivery System on Friday, March 31, 2006, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

## Personnel Services Delivery System initiative begins

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) -- The Air Force Contact Center's Web-based services and contact center officially began taking calls after a ceremony March 31 at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The center is part of a new initiative called Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, or PSD, which uses technology to place the capability for conducting routine personnel transactions.

"PSD is the road from good personnel service delivery to great personnel service delivery," said Roger M. Blanchard, assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. "The call center is here to execute that vision."

The center's opening is just the beginning of many changes Airmen will see in the way they handle tasks concerning their careers -- tasks they normally had to visit their military personnel flight, or MPF, to complete.

The idea behind this transformation is to provide a convenient and secure way from any telephone or Internet-ready computer, allowing Airmen to avoid waiting in lines, save time and fit their person-

nel business into their own schedule.

The goal is to move 85 percent of MPF actions online.

Once the transformation begins, however, it doesn't mean Airmen still can't get personal customer service.

"This is a centralized effort and centralization is the beauty of this. We are relieving the pressure from those in the field," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "We are simplifying the process. Now Airmen can make a 90-second transaction at their convenience, instead of what normally might have taken a couple of hours by going to the MPF."

Several processes like retraining and retirements, currently worked through base-level military personnel flights, will be self-initiated via the Web, and centrally managed and processed at the center.

The transformation is a four-phase program that will continue through 2011. The first phase begins with transferring active-duty personnel actions and will then be further broken up into seven segments called spirals.

Airmen will be able to access the Web-based services through the virtual MPF.

Have you completed the 18th Wing Human Relations Climate Assessment Survey?

Express your thoughts, opinions & feelings about the human relations climate in the 18th Wing.

The survey can be completed at work or home

via the web at [www.famnetuca.net](http://www.famnetuca.net). An access code

is required. For more information contact a military

equal opportunity advisor at

634-2751.

## Airmen voice opinions in 2005 climate survey

WASHINGTON -- More than half of all Airmen participated in the 2005 chief of staff organization climate survey, which allows participants to voice their opinions on issues affecting them and their jobs.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley released the results of the survey to all the major commands March 31.

Strong leadership focus on the survey was credited for the 53 percent total force participation rate, an increase from previous years.

Overall, many of the numbers stayed the same, with only minor declines in some areas.

"The results are encouraging on a couple of fronts," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. "First, the responses were from our total force team, and secondly,

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there was no noticeable difference in overall satisfaction from those deployed and those at home station," he said.

He said job satisfaction is an important area of concern as Air Force expeditionary commitments continue to rise.

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Trust in leadership was also an area introduced in the

recent survey. From a total force perspective, middle enlisted members' trust in unit senior leadership is significantly lower than all other ranks, although overall job satisfaction increased slightly.

"There will always be areas where we need to focus and improve," Chief Murray said. "From the enlisted perspective, ensuring NCOs and senior NCOs are stepping up to their leadership responsibility is critical."

The majority of Airmen indicated, too, that Air Force leaders used the results from the 2003 survey in a positive way, and Chief Murray vowed that will continue with the 2005 results. "We'll take data from this survey and continue enhancing our professional development at all levels," he said. "Our core value -- excellence in all we do -- is a goal of constant pursuit."





## Kadena holds Dining Out for children

(Clockwise from top)  
**DRUMS:** Eisa drummers perform for more than 120 children who attended a Children's Dining Out at the Officers Club Saturday. The event was sponsored by the Kadena Integrated Delivery System which consists of all the helping associations on Kadena.

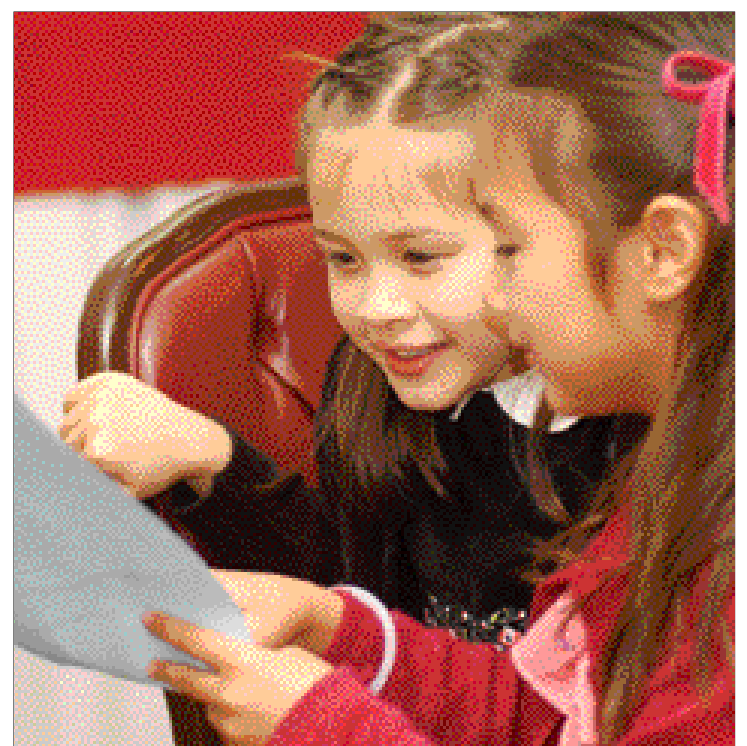


**COLOR:** Persephone Valdez, daughter of Capt. John Valdez of the 18th Munitions Squadron, colors her menu as her aunt, Meagan Fahey, watches.

**MENU:** Alyssa Cooper, daughter of Army Lt. Col Jeffery Cooper, and Athena Bauer, daughter of Senior Airman Jack Bauer, read the program for the banquet.

**DANCE:** Attendees do the chicken dance during the night's festivities that celebrated the month of the military child.

**BOW:** The Kadena Middle School drama class bows after their performance of the play "Totally Red" at the dining out.





Friday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Flashback Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

Top 40 from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Saturday

**TEENCENTER:** Hip Hop from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5 for non-members.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** The Partae with Super Ladies night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the ballroom.

**TOURS:** Battle of Okinawa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Shuri Castle and Shikina-En from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

Sunday

**TEENCENTER:** Hip Hop from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5 for non-members.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**EMERYLANES:** Families that bowl together can do so for \$1 each game from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**TOURS:** Okinawa Folk Tales Tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Kuma and Hiji Falls from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

Monday

**TEENCENTER:** Hip Hop from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5 for non-members, free for members.

- Center opens at noon throughout Spring break.
- Last day to signup for Okuma Day Trip on Thursday.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Juke Box Jams from 7 to close.

**TOURS:** Neo and Butterfly Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

Tuesday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Juke Box Jams from 7 to close.

**TOURS:** Ryukyu Mura Traditional Arts & Crafts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**TEENCENTER:** Opens at noon throughout Spring break.

Wednesday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Karaoke in the lounge from 6 to 10 p.m.

**TOURS:** Ryukyu Mura Traditional Arts & Crafts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**TEENCENTER:** Opens at noon throughout Spring break.

- Keystone barbecue and outside games.

Thursday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Country Line Dance lessons begin at 7 p.m.

**TOURS:** Expo Park and Churaumi Aquarium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** \$10,000 Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**TEENCENTER:** Opens at noon throughout Spring break.

MOVIES	
Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings. * First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.	
Keystone Theater	
▲ Friday.....	*The Shaggy Dog, <i>PG</i> , 6 p.m. Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , 9 p.m.
▲ Saturday..	Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , noon *The Shaggy Dog, <i>PG</i> , 4 p.m. Annapolis, <i>PG-13</i> , 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , noon *The Shaggy Dog, <i>PG</i> , 4 p.m. Annapolis, <i>PG-13</i> , 7 p.m.
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Butler Theater	
▲ Friday.....	*V for Vendetta, <i>R</i> , 7 p.m. *V for Vendetta, <i>R</i> , 10 p.m.
▲ Saturday...	Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , 1 p.m. Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , 4 p.m. *V for Vendetta, <i>R</i> , 7 p.m. Annapolis, <i>PG-13</i> , 10 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , 1 p.m. Nanny McPhee, <i>PG</i> , 4 p.m. *V for Vendetta, <i>R</i> , 7 p.m.

You deal'em, we'll hold'em



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary M. Edwards, Jr.  
Senior Airman David Sanders of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron shuffles a deck of playing cards before the start of the annual Texas Hold'em tournament at the Banyan Tree Club Saturday. More than 150 people showed up for the tournament.

April 14

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Flashback Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

Mainstream and Urban beats from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**EMERYLANES:** Opens at 6 a.m. until 11 p.m.

April 15

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Voodoo Saturdays featuring Hip Hop, R & B and Dirty South music from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom and Latin, Salsa and Reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** Easter Washi Egg Hunt from 3 to 5 p.m.

**EMERYLANES:** Opens until at 11 p.m. April 16.

**TOURS:** Explore the North from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Okinawa World including Gyokusendo Cave from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**KADENA MARINA:** Underwater Easter Egg Hunt from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration fee is \$15 per diver.

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Card and Comic show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**TEENCENTER:** Egg hunt and 2-kilometer run. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind Risner Fitness Complex.

April 16

**TOURS:** Yui Monorail and Kokusai Street from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**TEEN CENTER:** Opens at noon throughout Spring break.

**YOUTHCENTER:** Flashlight egg hunt for 6 to 12-year-olds from 7 to 9 p.m. Only members of the Youth Center will be allowed to participate.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m.

- Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Easter Sunday Brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Families that bowl together can do so for \$1 each game from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**TOURS:** Tunnel Rats Tour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Zanpa Glass Boat and Yomitan Exploration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 17

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m.,

Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Juke Box Jams from 7 to close.

April 18

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Juke Box Jams from 7 to close.

April 19

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Karaoke in the lounge from 6 to 10 p.m.

**TOURS:** Central 100-yen Shopping from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**TEEN CENTER:** Keystone meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

April 20

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** AFE band Plunge plays at 8 p.m.

- Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.
- Flashback Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.
- Country Line Dance lessons begin at 7 p.m. Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKERNCOCLUB:** \$10,000 Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

April 21

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Slumber party begins from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

- Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.
- Flashback Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Best of 80's and 90's in lounge from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Opens at 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. April 23.

**TOURS:** Urashima Dinner Theater from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**TEEN CENTER:** Cops versus teens and old school versus new school in dodge ball from 5 to 6 p.m.

April 22

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m.

- Voodoo Saturdays featuring Hip Hop, R & B and Dirty South music from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom and Latin, Salsa and Reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

**EMERYLANES:** Opens until 11 p.m. April 23.

**RISNER FITNESS COMPLEX:** Earth Fest 2006 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the grass behind the main building. Movie on the lawn at 8 p.m. "Fern Gully" is the movie. Various competitions call 634-1387 for details.

**TOURS:** Jacuzzis, Saunas and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Deep Sea Fishing from 5:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Hand-made crafts fair will be held. Free admission.

April 23

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Membership appreciation night from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m.
- Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Families that bowl together can do so for \$1 each game from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**TOURS:** Battle of Okinawa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

- Hedo Point and Beyond from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Video and computer game swap from noon to 2 p.m.

April 24

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

**TOURS:** Golf at Bell Beach from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 25

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

**TEEN CENTER:** Smart girls meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

April 26

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

**TEEN CENTER:** Keystone meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

April 27

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Country Line Dance lessons begin at 7 p.m. Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKERNCO CLUB:** \$10,000 Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**TOURS:** Okinawa Children's Zoo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 634-4322.

April 28

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m., Social Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m., Night Bingo in the Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m., Bonanza Bingo from 9 to 10 p.m.

- Flashback Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

Top 40 from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**EMERY LANES:** Opens at 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. April 30.

**TEEN CENTER:** Membership night with free food begins at 4 p.m.

**YOUTH CENTER:** Dance Party USA for 6 to 8 year olds from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

April 29

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m.

- Voodoo Saturdays featuring Hip Hop, R & B and Dirty South music from 10 p.m. to close in the ballroom and Latin, Salsa and Reggae from 10 p.m. to close in the lounge.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Ladies Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the ballroom.

**EMERYLANES:** Opens until 11 p.m. April 30.

**TOURS:** Lily Festival on Ie Island from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-4322.

**TEEN CENTER:** Rock out with local teen bands and a D.J. from 7 to 10 p.m. Show is free for members and \$4 for non-members.

**YOUTH CENTER:** Dance Party USA for 9 to 12 year olds from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

CHAPEL	
Catholic	
▲ Monday through Friday	: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday	: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.
Protestant	
▲ Wednesday	: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
▲ Contemporary worship:	Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
▲ Eastern Orthodox services:	Call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services:	Call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services:	Call 636-3219